

Harris Neck

National Wildlife Refuge Hunting Regulations 2004

Harris Neck NWR McIntosh County, Georgia

Harris Neck is one of over 500 National Wildlife Refuges. The primary objective of a National Wildlife Refuge is to provide habitat for the conservation and protection of all species of wildlife. The harvest of surplus animals is one tool used to manage wildlife populations at a level compatible with the environment, provide recreational opportunities, and protect the use of a valuable renewable resource.

Public hunting on Harris Neck National Wildlife Refuge is permitted on approximately 2,400 acres. Certain areas (marked on the map printed on the reverse side) are closed to hunting.

The regulations listed below supplement the general regulations which govern hunting on the wildlife areas as set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations. Hunting will be in accordance with applicable state (Georgia) regulations.

General Hunting Regulations

Federal permits are required for all hunts and must be carried on the person while hunting. All hunters must obtain a permit regardless of age. Permits are non-transferable. Only hunt participants with proper licenses and permits will be allowed on the refuge during the hunt. **A Georgia hunting license is required to hunt feral hogs.**

No one under age 16 may hunt unless under direct adult supervision (within sight and hearing of a person 18 years of age or older.)

Personal identification (driver's license, or official state identification card) will be required at check-in.

Each hunter may place one stand on the refuge during the week preceding the hunt (Monday through Friday only). However, hunters assume all responsibility for the loss or damage of personal property left on the refuge. **Stands must be removed by the end of each hunt.**

No flagging, blazing, or trail marking devices may be used to locate stands, or for any other purpose.

Deer harvested during scheduled hunts must be checked by refuge personnel before leaving the refuge.

Hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been screwed or driven to support a hunter is prohibited.

The distribution of bait, and hunting over bait, is prohibited.

Participating in "man-drives" for deer is prohibited.

Only white-tailed deer and feral hogs may be taken and other wildlife may not be molested in any manner.

Hunters must be on their stands from one-half hour before legal sunrise until 9:00 am and from two hours before sunset until legal sunset.

The possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting is prohibited.

All forms of litter should be placed in trash receptacles for proper disposal.

Pruning/limbing of live trees is prohibited.

Hunting will not be permitted closer than 100 yards of State Highway 131, the refuge entrance drive, refuge headquarters, Barbour River Landing, Barbour River Road and Gould's Cemetery.

Harris Neck National Wildlife Refuge will be closed to the general public on all hunt days.

Bow Hunt

Bow hunting for deer and feral hogs will be permitted from September 15-17, 2004 in all areas designated on the map in this brochure.

Bow hunters must enter the refuge, through the refuge gate only, between 5:00 am and 6:00 am to hunt during the morning stand hours. Hunters will be allowed to exit and re-enter through the entrance gate only from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm. After 4:00 pm no one will be permitted to enter the refuge.

Vehicles are restricted to the designated auto tour route. Two-way traffic will be permitted.

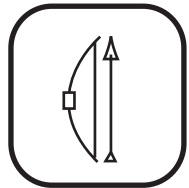
Three deer of either sex may be taken (state bonus tags will be issued for two of these), and feral hogs (no bag limit).

State bag limits for deer will apply (plus two bonus deer tags). No limit on hogs.

2004 Harris Neck NWR Bow Hunt Permit

When signed and in your possession, this brochure serves as your Harris Neck bow hunt permit, and acknowledges your understanding of the regulations contained herein.

Signature



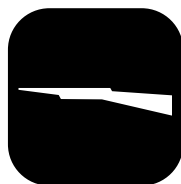
Only bows in accordance with state regulations will be authorized.

The possession or use of poison or poison pods is illegal.

Archery hunters are encouraged to wear a fluorescent orange outer garment while hunting on the ground or walking to and from stands.

Gun Hunt

Gun hunting for deer and feral hogs on Harris Neck NWR will be permitted on November 19, 2004 within the area indicated on the attached refuge map.



Gun hunters must check-in at the refuge headquarters between 4:00 and 5:00 am and park in the designated areas prior to hunting. Entry by boat is prohibited.

Transportation is not provided to, from, or on the refuge. Any movement within the refuge must be by foot or bicycle. Entry and exit points for motor vehicles are limited to check stations or other specified areas.

Three deer of either sex may be taken (state bonus tags will be issued for two of these), and feral hogs (no bag limit).

Feral hogs (no bag limit) may also be taken with weapons legal for this hunt.

Shotguns, 20 gauge or larger, with slugs are the only weapons permitted.

Firearms must be unloaded and cased except during hunting periods.

Target practice is prohibited.

Gun hunters must wear an outer garment which contains a minimum of 500 square inches of hunter-orange material above the waist.

How to Obtain Bow Hunt Permits

The attached permit (on cover) to participate in the bow hunt is validated when signed. An unlimited number of permits will be available for the bow hunt.

Hunters who participate in the bow hunt may also participate in the gun hunt.

Gun Hunt Permit Application Procedures

The attached permit-application for the Harris Neck NWR gun hunt should be used by one hunter only. To apply as a party, applications for all party hunters (a maximum of three) should be stapled together and mailed to:

Savannah Coastal Refuges
1000 Business Center Drive
Parkway Business Center, Suite 10
Savannah, GA 31405

Additional applications may be obtained by mail, or picked up at the Coastal Refuges office located in the Parkway Business Center (off I-16 at Chatham Parkway, Savannah, Georgia). Hunt regulations and permit applications can also be downloaded from our website <http://harrisneck.fws.gov>

Only one application may be submitted per hunter. Applications must be received by August 31 to be entered in the drawing; 150 permits will be issued for the gun hunt.

Hunters selected by drawing on September 3, 2004 will be notified by mail. A \$12.50 permit fee must be paid by each hunter selected by drawing. A cashier's check or money order (no personal checks) made payable to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service must be **received** at the Coastal office by October 15 to guarantee issuance of a hunt permit.

Signs Protect Visitors and Resources



Millions of people visit national wildlife refuges each year. The impact of human activity, if not regulated, can degrade these wildlands. Signs control recreational activities while protecting natural resources on the refuge. Please respect the following signs:

The top sign delineates the refuge boundary. You may enter only on designated access routes. Consult manager for restrictions.

This area is closed to all entry. No hunting or sight-seeing is permitted. Roads and trails within this area are closed to the public.

Harris Neck National Wildlife Refuge Permit Application for the November 19, 2004 Gun Hunt

Print

Name _____

Date of Birth _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

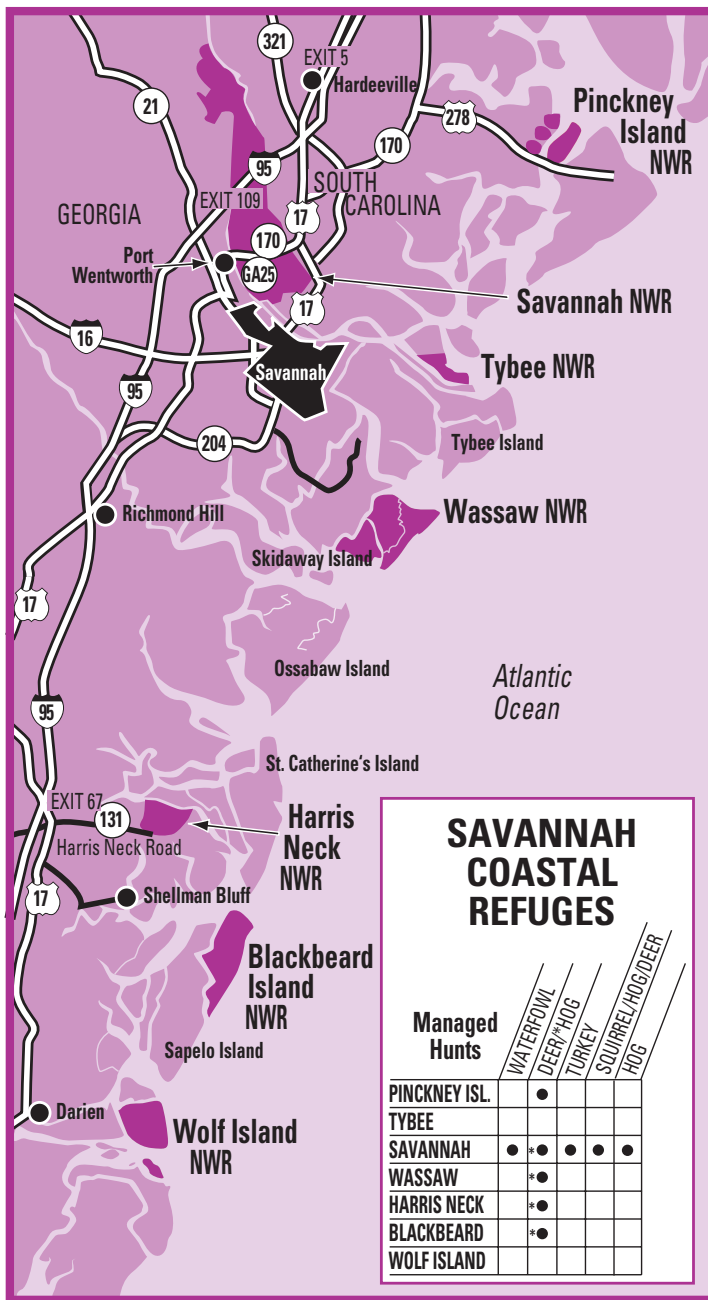
Telephone number _____

Applications for party hunters (maximum of three) must be stapled together. List your party hunters:

1. _____

2. _____

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